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BELLAMY STORER WRITES BITTERLY

Sends Extraordinary Letter to President and Members of Cabinet.

MR. ROOSEVELT INDIGNANT

CHICAGO, Ill., December 8.—The Chicago Tribune, in its Washington dispatches says that an extraordinary letter has been addressed by Bellamy Storer to President Roosevelt and the members of his Cabinet in regard to his dismissal from the post of ambassador of the United States to Austria-Hungary.

Mr. Storer was dismissed because of his wife's supposed interference in affairs of the Roman Catholic Church, and her alleged influence in the selection of the President. It was also charged that Mrs. Storer had meddled with French politics by taking part in an anti-Republican intrigue to promote the marriage of Victor Bonaparte with a member of the Orleanist family.

Both of these charges Mr. Storer denies, and, on the other hand, declares that the President's interest in the selection of Ambassador Ireland as a cardinal was not due to Storer's wife, but to the President alone.

The text of Mr. Storer's letter was printed and transmitted, not only to the President and members of his Cabinet, but to members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate.

The correspondence shows the familiar relations of the President and the Storer family. At the time Mr. Roosevelt was Governor of New York, just after the Spanish War, some of the Roosevelt letters to Storer were addressed "My Dear Bellamy," and to his wife, "My Dear Maria," and Mrs. Storer addressed the President as "Dear Theodore."

Mr. Storer asserts that Roosevelt himself, while Governor of New York, urged the Storer family to use their influence with the Vatican for Ireland's promotion, becoming the prelate's well known patriot, would also in solving the problems connected with the Catholic Church in the Philippines.

What President Says.

One letter of the President to Mrs. Storer, dated December 11, 1905, after the efforts of the Storer family in behalf of Archbishop Ireland, attracted attention, contains the following passages:

"Your direct or implied complaint of and reflection upon my own personal conduct give me no concern, but I am very greatly concerned at the mischievous effect your letters must have in misrepresenting the position of the United States government and by the far-reaching government scandal which your indiscretion may at any time cause."

"Your letters not only convey a totally wrong impression of my attitude, but they are such as you have no business whatever to write, in view of the position of you and your husband in the diplomatic service."

"The letter of Cardinal Merry del Val to you of November 23d is a revelation to you, expressing plainly his belief that you have been unwarrantably officious in matters which which you have properly no concern. It should of itself be enough to show proper your action in writing to him was."

Ill-Advised Action.

After referring to the report that Mrs. Storer was known in Europe as the American ambassador to Rome, Mr. Roosevelt closes thus:

"I ask you to give me this positive promise in writing if Bellamy is to continue in the service, and if you ever intentionally violate it I shall have to ask for Bellamy's resignation, for I can no longer afford to have the chance of scandal being brought up by the entire American diplomatic service, and on the government itself, by such indiscreet and ill-advised action as yours has been."

"I cannot trust myself to express fully the feeling of indignation with which I read the letter to Mrs. Storer," says Mr. Storer. "Though I was in the public service, I felt, and still feel, that I had lost none of the rights which a man has to judge of the propriety of letters addressed to his wife, and to reflect an improper communication."

"My wife was deliberately accused of having quoted isolated sentences from the President's letters to convince other persons that he was doing exactly what, as he asserts, he had explicitly stated in writing that he would not do."

"Based on No Evidence."

"This charge of shameful conduct was based on no evidence which could even have aided the writer into a hasty judgment, but was in answer to a letter which, whether approved or not, at least furnishes no such evidence either in itself or in its inclosures."

"The tone of long suffering and outraged patience, the careful omission of all mention of anything that the writer had himself done, and authorized to be done in the matters complained of, the quotation from the letters written at time of my dismissal, and the absence of any of the facts and circumstances related above which could give these letters their true character or show that they were an angry complaint because what he had directed to be done had become known—these things, with the abusive personal charges, and the assumed indignation, in fact, permitted and encouraged where not expressly directed, seemed to me to put the letter outside the limit of anything justifiable even in a stranger."

"What a sense of outraged friendship it aroused in us can perhaps be understood by any one who has read even the small part of the private correspondence given above."

TRIES TO CUT GIRL'S HAIR WITH RAZOR

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 8.—Michael Kurovick, a foreigner of Homestead, Pa., a suburb of this city, attacked Edna Story, 17 years old, in her home to-night, and cut off her hair with a razor.

He was subsequently lynched at the hands of an infuriated mob. Miss Story met Kurovick in a hallway, and with one word he seized her and with one slash cut the greater part of her hair from her head. Releasing the girl, the man escaped from the house. The girl's cries attracted a large crowd of men, who captured Kurovick and were proceeding to hang him when he was rescued by a squad of police. Surrounded by the mob, the officers rushed Kurovick to the station with several hundred excited people in pursuit. For half an hour the mob lingered around the station, but dispersed when additional officers arrived to guard the jail.

Kurovick, the police say, is apparently insane.

ADVENTIST SERVICES.

Dedicatory Exercises Proper to Be Held To-Day.

The first wedding to be solemnized in the new Seventh Day Adventist Church, which will be dedicated to-day at 11 o'clock, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Miss Clara Farnham, daughter of the pastor of the church, will be married to Mr. Roy Courson. Mr. Courson is engaged in missionary work in this city, and will make his home here in the future.

The services in the new church yesterday consisted of two sermons and the regular Sunday school service. Both sermons were preached by Elder Farnham, the pastor, and a good attendance was present.

To-day the services will consist of the dedicatory report, which will be presented by C. P. Dart, chairman; a dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock, an afternoon sermon by Elder H. W. Herrell, and at night by the pastor. A number of elders in the church from other cities will be present at the services to-day. Among them are Elders E. W. Farnsworth, of Lancaster, Mass.; Elder R. D. Hottel, of Newmarket, Va.; Elder H. W. Herrell, of Petersburg, Va.; and Elder H. J. Farnham, recently of Lynchburg, Va., but who has now taken charge of the church here.

Old Woman Burned.

In an effort to save her household goods, Hannah Buckman, a very old colored woman, was badly burnt in her home yesterday about noon. The house in which the old woman lives, caught fire, and after consuming the flames, she returned to save some of her belongings. Her clothing caught on fire and she was severely burnt. She was treated by an ambulance and left at the home of a neighbor.

PREPARE FOR A GREATER CITY

Matters of Detail Necessarily Following Annexation Being Worked Out.

CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

By easy but certain stages, the various complications arising out of the annexation of the city of Richmond to the city of Virginia have been straightened out, and while it will take a great deal of time to make the various improvements that will follow, yet the business of the annexed territory will go on without a hitch.

The city authorities are in absolute control, by the decision of the court, and while now and then some little question arises between the county and city officers, these are always quickly settled by the City Attorney in the city's favor.

For example, some of the constables in the territory annexed seemed to be of opinion that they still had jurisdiction. High Constable Wyatt had the matter disposed of in a short while by securing from City Attorney Pollard an opinion giving him absolute and immediate jurisdiction here, as well as in the old portions of the city. Mayor McCarthy has formally notified Chief Puller of the annexation, and he has extended him to extend fire protection to the new territory.

A great many details are to be worked out, in order to get things in final shape, and to this end there will be a conference of the heads of the city departments within a few days. In this conference Mayor McCarthy and Attorney Pollard will be leading figures, and they will advise as to many of the complex questions to be determined.

The Mayor's Letter.

The letter of the Mayor to Chief Puller reads: "Mr. W. G. Puller, Chief Fire Department, City of Richmond: Dear Sir:—The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia having entered an order affirming the orders of the Circuit Court of the county of Henrico, providing for the annexation of certain territory to the city of Richmond, the limits of the city have been extended to the new lines described in the order of the lower court. This is to notify you that at once becomes necessary, and your duty, to extend fire protection to the new territory as fully and as completely as to the other territory of the city of Richmond. The intended mainly to inform you of the existence of these new duties and responsibilities, to extend the service of your department into the new territory. I trust that in the near future, by such action as may be necessary, the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Council of the city of Richmond will put at your disposal the necessary increase of force and facilities required by this added responsibility. I shall rely upon your well known experience, energy and courage for the careful and faithful discharge of these new duties, and upon your own good judgment for the arrangement of the necessary details. You will know best what is necessary to insure the protection of the property in the new territory, and I trust that you will not hesitate to inaugurate such methods as you deem best to that end. Exact information concerning the new boundary lines may be had upon application to the Engineer's Department of the city."

Very respectfully,
CARLTON MCCARTHY, Mayor.

MR. LYNCH COMING.

International President of Typographical Union to Be Here.

Mr. James M. Lynch, international president of the Typographical Union, will be in Richmond by Wednesday of this week. He is making a trip through the Southern States and will visit Richmond for several days.

While here he will be the guest of National Organizer Brady, who has been in the city for some weeks in an endeavor amicably to settle the differences between the employing job printers and the striking printers.

Mr. Lynch has headquarters in Indianapolis, and has traveled extensively. He is an orator of no mean ability, and his visit here will be of great interest, not only to the union printers, but to all union men.

MRS. BIRDSONG SAVS ASSAULT

Charged with Murder of Dr. Butler; Her Testimony Sensational.

Rigid Cross-Examination Failed to Make Her Vary From Original Statement, and Witnesses Corroborate, in Part, Her Testimony.

HAZLEHURST, MISS., December 8.—Some startling evidence was given to-day by Mrs. Angie Birdsong when she went on the witness stand in her own defense against the charge of murdering Dr. Thomas Butler.

The defendant said that she went to Dr. Butler's office, where the tragedy occurred, with peaceful intentions, and that Dr. Butler attempted to assault her while there. In tears she swore that no illicit relations had ever existed between her and Dr. Butler at any time. Mrs. Birdsong said that Mrs. Nora Garrett had told her that Dr. Butler had said he had been intimate with the defendant and that she made appointments to meet him. These words, she said, almost broke her heart, and from the time she heard them she scarcely knew what she was doing. She said she was in this half-dazed condition when she went to Dr. Butler's office. Her purpose was to ask him if it was true he had told such stories about her, and how, as an old friend, he could have done such a thing.

Dr. Butler Seized Her.

Dr. Butler seized her, the witness testified, when she had asked these questions. He attempted to drag her into a room adjoining the office. She said she believed that he intended to assault her, and that she drew a revolver and began firing. He had hold of her when she began shooting. She said she remembered that she kept on shooting, but the details of Dr. Butler's death were confused in her mind. She said she could not afterwards recall how she reached home after the shooting.

The prosecution did not alter her testimony, although she grew nervous.

W. A. Stillman, the first witness for the defense, was asked about statements said to have been made by Dr. Butler on the Tuesday night before the shooting. Witness said that Dr. Butler was drunk when he made these statements. The court ruled out most of the statements made by this witness concerning Dr. Butler's alleged remarks. Senator McLaughlin, speaking for the defense, argued strongly that it was unjust to exclude these portions of the testimony. Judge Miller, however, stood firm in his ruling that only those parts of the remarks which had been reported to Mrs. Birdsong before the shooting should be admitted.

Damaging Testimony.

Stillman testified that on the Tuesday night in question Mrs. Butler had asked him to prevent her husband from going out on the street. She alleged that he was going for the purpose of meeting a woman.

Lutcher Grace, Mayor of Monticello, was not allowed while on the witness stand to tell of conversations with Dr. Butler on the Tuesday night in question. The defense attempted by questions to show that the Mayor reported these remarks to a man whose wife carried them directly to Mrs. Birdsong.

Mrs. Mary Hoffman was called and testified that she had told Mrs. Birdsong about the stories alleged to have been told by Dr. Butler. The defense asked its case to-day. Argument will begin Monday.

RICHMOND TEAM IN BITTER DEFEAT

Team of Westmoreland and Commonwealth Clubs Lose to Baltimore Club.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 8.—The Richmond pool players, who were beaten last April at Richmond by a team from the Baltimore Club, came to Baltimore for the purpose of getting even with the Baltimoreans.

The Virginians, in all numbering about thirty men, arrived in a private car at 5 P. M. They were escorted by a reception committee to the Merchants' Club, where they took dinner.

Then they were taken to the Baltimore club, where they were met by their hosts, who were eager to see that nothing was left undone, delayed the match, and at midnight the contestants were still at it.

A banquet followed the match. The victors are staying at the Hotel Belvidere, and will remain over in the city until this afternoon. The score was Baltimore, 50 points; Richmond, 33.

WALTHOUR WINS FROM GUIGNAUD

NEW YORK, December 8.—Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta, won from Paul Guignaud, of Paris, the ten-mile motor-race, the principal event of to-night's event, which began at midnight to-morrow at Madison Square Garden. Walthour's time was 16:45 1-5, and he had an advantage of six laps when he concluded a race exciting enough to feed the large audience repeatedly to its feet. There were eleven road races to-night. Hugh McLean, of Boston, won by half a lap from Floyd McFarland, of Saginaw, Cal., in the motor-paced race of five miles. The quarter-mile amateur championship was captured by James Zane, of Newark, N. J., in the good time of 22 1-5 seconds. In the motor-cycle race of one mile, run in three heats, Fred Hoyt, of Bridgeport, Conn., defeated J. C. Foster, of Springfield, Mass.

LAKE CARRIERS BECOME ACTIVE ICE-CRUSHERS

DETROIT, Mich., December 8.—Reports to the Detroit News from Sault Ste. Marie say twenty vessels are caught fast in the ice in the St. Mary's River, the cold snap of the past few days having caused six or eight inches of ice. The Lake Carriers Association has organized an ice-crushing expedition to leave Sault Ste. Marie to-morrow morning under the leadership of the steamer Algonquin to attempt to release the imprisoned ships.

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Best quality Citron, per pound	22c	Seeded Raisins, in pound packages	10c
Loose Figs, per pound	8c	Cleaned Currants, in pound packages	10c
Extra fine Figs, in one-pound packages	10c	Best quality Chocolate Drops, per pound	12 1-2c
Best Layer Eggs, per pound	12 1-2c	Chalmer's Gelatine, 2 packages	15c
New Dates, per pound	6c	French Candy, per pound	5c
New Dates, in 1-pound packages, per pound	7c	All Cream Candy, 9c, or 3 pounds	25c
Best quality Lemon and Orange Peel, per lb.	12 1-2c	Try our Star Brand Gelatine, none better, pkg.	5c
Fresh Country Eggs, per dozen	28c	Fresh Pound Cakes, 1-pound package	10c
Large Juicy Lemons, per dozen	15c	Fresh Fruit Cakes, 1-pound package	12c
New Shelled Almonds, per pound	35c	Caps Cod Cranberries, per quart	10c
New London Layer Raisins, per pound	10c	Wine for Jelly, Blackberry or Catawba, per qt.	12c
Extra quality Malaga Grapes, per pound	14c	Christmas Mixture Candy, per pound	8c
Ullman's Pride Coffee, roasted, in 1-pound pkgs.	13c	Grape-Nut or Postum, per package	12c
New Virginia Buckwheat, 7 pounds	25c	Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, per bottle	80c
Best Macaroni or Spaghetti, pound packages	6c	Large cans best quality Tomatoes, can	9c
Mother's Rolled Oats, per package	6c	Evaporated Apples, Piedmont brand, 1-pd. pkgs.	8c
Egg-O-Sce, per package	6c	Best American Granulated Sugar, per pound	4 3-4c
Parrot and Monkey or Good Luck Baking Powder, per can	4c	Small California Hams, per pound	10c
		Large Irish Potatoes, per peck	18c, or, bushel, 70c

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WRITES LETTER HEARTILY COMMEND POE MONUMENT EFFORT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 6, 1906.

My dear Mr. Graves:

I earnestly wish you success in your efforts to secure a monument to Edgar Allan Poe. Many people consider him the greatest literary genius this country has ever produced. He certainly stands among the three or four greatest I heartily wish you well in your endeavor to raise a memorial to such a man

Sincerely yours,
Theodore Roosevelt

Mr. Charles Marshall Graves,
Richmond, Virginia.

ROOSEVELT FOR POE MONUMENT

Writes Letter Warmly Endorsing Erection of Memorial to Great Genius.

GIVES HIM HIGH RANK

President Theodore Roosevelt, himself a gifted author of wide note, a man who has always encouraged writers and the best in literature, and whose sympathies are so broad that no worthy movement escapes them, has written the accompanying letter, in which he commends most heartily the effort to erect a monument to Edgar Allan Poe. The President takes occasion to say that Poe is considered by many the greatest literary genius ever produced in America, certainly to be ranked among the three or four greatest. President Roosevelt is himself a voluminous and popular author, and were he not chief executive of the nation he would still be famous as a writer of pure literature.

It is a noteworthy fact that, characteristic of his broad-mindedness, the President of the United States, born and reared in the North, where Poe was refused a place in the Hall of Fame, has publicly expressed his approval of the movement to erect a memorial to the most brilliant poet and story-teller the country has ever known, and whom the South claims.

Wide-Spread Sentiment.

President Roosevelt is not alone in the number of prominent men of the country who have indicated a desire to see such a memorial erected. Public sentiment in favor of the movement is widespread. Prominent men all over the country have expressed their approval; every teacher of literature, in university or college, has accorded it the heartiest commendation, and students in nearly every institution of learning in the State have formed societies to encourage it and to urge its success.

As with Keats, so was it with Poe, that one of the saddest facts in a life of sorrow and tragedy was the lack of recognition of his splendid genius during his life. And like Byron, the first appreciation of that genius was accorded in a foreign country, by a nation who are quick to assimilate and appreciate the best and purest in science and literature—the Germans. Now, however, Poe has come to be recognized equally well in his native land.

SLAYER INVOKES UNWRITTEN LAW

Thomas Lam, Who Killed Frank P. Hensley, Will Plead Justification.

GOADED BY HOSTILE ACTION

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HARRISONBURG, Va., December 8.—In the Circuit Court of Rockingham Thomas Lam, on trial for the murder of Frank P. Hensley, his wife's cousin, last month, has invoked the unwritten law in his defense.

The case has been on trial since last Tuesday and will probably not end until the middle of next week. Nearly a hundred witnesses have been summoned together for both sides, and the defense only opened their case to-day, when the accused was placed on the stand.

Lam's bride of five months was Hensley's second cousin, and a slip of a girl 17 years old. The counsel claimed that the action of the couple had no regard upon the mind of the husband that he fired the fatal shot guarded by hostile demonstrations of his victim immediately preceding the killing.

Hensley was one of the most highly respected citizens of the county and was the father of a family of eight children. Lam, who is not yet 21 years of age, was on the stand nearly all day to-day giving his version of the homicide. Under a severe cross-examination by the Commonwealth's Attorney, lasting for several hours, he became very much excited and contradicted himself a number of times. His wife, who has remained loyal to him throughout the trial, is expected to go on the stand and testify in his behalf.

The two families are close neighbors.

Dropped Dead in Shop.

William Polham, colored, who has kept a shoe-repairing shop at No. 68 North seventh Street, for the past twenty years, dropped dead in his shop yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Polham was very old, and his heart gave out. He died almost instantly.

The ambulance was called, but when it arrived, it was too late. Coroner Taylor declared an inquest unnecessary.